

HEALTH HIGHLIGHTS

Continuing the Building Blocks to Health Reform, Governor Ritter and lawmakers advanced a robust health agenda this year, which will expand access, contain costs and improve quality:

- **HB09-1293, Hospital Provider Fee (Boyd & Keller/Ferrandino & Riesberg)** -- Known as the Colorado Healthcare Affordability Act, this historic legislation will provide coverage to more than 100,000 uninsured Coloradans and make healthcare more affordable for businesses and consumers by reducing uncompensated care and cost-shifting, two leading causes of skyrocketing health costs. This is the most significant health reform in Colorado in 40 years, and will not cost taxpayers a penny more.
- **HB09-1111, Health Resources for Underserved Areas (Massey / Boyd & Swalm)** -- In order to maximize the effectiveness of programs supporting rural and underserved communities in Colorado, this legislation streamlines and strengthens the state's health care provider loan forgiveness program and establishes the Primary Care Office at the Department of Public Health and Environment.
- **HB09-1020, Expedite Medical Program Re-enrollment (Acree / Spence)** -- As part of an on-going effort to make it easier for families to navigate the Medicaid and CHP+ programs, this bill calls for the establishment of phone and Internet-based systems for re-enrollment in public insurance programs.
- **HB09 – 1012, Incentives for Wellness & Prevention Programs (Rice & Stephens / Newell & Mitchell)** -- Allows insurance carriers to offer discounts and incentives to employers and employees who voluntarily engage in health and wellness programs.
- **SB09-244, Insurance Coverage for Autism (Shaffer B / Primavera)** -- Requires insurance coverage for the treatment of Autism, including Applied Behavior Analysis.
- **HB09-1059, Health Coverage During Clinical Trials (Primavera / Carroll M.)** -- Ensures that people who choose to take part in clinical trials can retain insurance that provides coverage for routine medical care.
- **HB09-1103, Presumptive Eligibility Long Term Care (Riesberg / Newell)** -- Institutes a presumptive eligibility policy for long-term care.
- **SB09-002 Motor Vehicle Fees to Support Emergency Responders (Morse / Peniston)** -- This bill will increase funding for first responders through a modest motor vehicle registration fee increase.
- **HB09-1349 Continue Health Care After Employment (Fischer / Heath)** -- This legislation ensures laid-off workers have the opportunity to continue their health insurance policy pursuant to state law.
- **SB09-225 Birth Control Protection Act (Boyd / McGihon)** -- This bill creates a statutory definition of birth control.
- **HB09-1353, Medical Benefits for Legal Immigrants (Miklosi / Foster)** -- Eliminates the arbitrary waiting period for legally present pregnant women and children to enroll in the Medicaid and CHP+ programs.